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SUBJECT: CONTROVERSY OVER ARRIVAL OF "ICFTU SOLIDARITY SHIP"

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1. ACCORDING TO ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY VANDERVECKEN, THE ICFTU HAS NOT SPONSORED A "SOLIDARITY SHIP" PROJECT FOR CHILE AND HAS NO PLANS FOR REACTIVATING THE PROJECT WHICH WAS CANCELED BY THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST OCTOBER. THE COUNCIL'S DECISION WAS BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF A SPECIAL ICFTU MISSION TO CHILE WHICH RECOMMENDED CANCELLATION OF THE PROJECT AFTER DETERMINING THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE (SEE REFTEL B). THE SPECIAL MISSION CAME TO THIS CONCLUSION AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN SANTIAGO.

2. VANDERVECKEN IS UNAWARE OF THE ANY EFFORTS TO ATTRIBUTE ICFTU SPONSORSHIP TO A "SOLIDARITY SHIP" UNDERTAKING. HE DID SUGGEST THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT ICFTU AFFILIATES COULD PARTICIPATE INDEPENDENTLY IN SUCH A PROJECT BUT HE ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY KNEW OF NO
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INSTANCE IN WHICH AFFILIATES WERE DOING SO. HE REPEATED

THAT AS FAR AS THE ICFTU IS CONCERNED, THE SOLIDAIRUTY SHIP
PROJECT IS "DORMANT" AND TO EMPHASIZE THIS POINT, HE TOLD US
THAT THE PROJECT WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED AT THE MOST RECENT ICFTU
CHILE COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10. HINTON

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